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SUBJECT: UNEP GC/III, OPENING SESSION, APRIL 17.

SUMMARY: UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL CONVENED THIRD SESSION

APRIL 17, P.M., ELECTED OFFICERS, ADOPTED AGENDA, AL-
LOCATED ITEMS TO COMMITTEES AND HEARD EXECUTIVE DIRE-
TOR'S OPENING ADDRESS. NO SURPRISES SO FAR. END SUM-
MARY.

1. ELECTION FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS BY ACCLAMATION

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ACCOMPLISHED SMOOTHLY IN ACCORDANCE AGREEMENT REACHED

IN REGIONAL NEGOTIATIONS: PRESIDENT-SENATOR HELENA Z. BENITEZ (PHILIPPINES); VICE PRESIDENTS: PROFESSOR JURAJ BUSA (CZECHOSLOVAKIA), PROFESSOR E.A. BOATENG (GHANA) DR. D.F. MCMICHAEL (AUSTRALIA); RAPPORTEUR: MR. TREVOR BOOTHE (JAMAICA). ONLY CONTEST CONCERNED MEXICO-PHILIPPINES COMPETITION FOR PRESIDENCY WHICH PERSISTED TO MORNING OF DAY OF OPENING SESSION AND WAS RESOLVED IN MEETING OF GROUP OF 77 WHERE, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION DRIFTING BACK FROM MEETING, SOLIDARITY OF AFRICAN DELEGATES WHO FAVORED BENITEZ PREVAILED.

2. COUNCIL ADOPTED AGENDA AS PRESENTED UNEP/GC/27 WITHOUT OBJECTION AND ALLOCATED ITEMS TO SESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN ACCORDANCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. OPENING SESSION CONCLUDED WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ORAL STATEMENT WHICH SET STAGE FOR GENERAL DEBATE. IN SUMMARY, ED PRESENTED OVER-ALL REVIEW OF UNEP ACHIEVEMENTS AND SHORTCOMINGS ON EVE OF GC-III WHICH COMMENDABLE FOR ITS CANDOR AND COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE. UNFORTUNATELY STRONG UNABLE RESIST TEMPTATION TO ENTER DEBATE ON NIEO AND RELATED MATTERS AND HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS, WHILE RELATIVELY RESTRAINED, ARE BOUND TO ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE THIS SUBJECT THROUGHOUT SESSION. IT TOO EARLY FORECAST WHERE THIS WILL LEAD, AND DELEGATIONS HAVE SO FAR BEEN SINGULARLY RELUCTANT TO REVEAL THEIR HANDS. VERBATIM TEXT OF ED'S REFERENCE TO LOS, WHERE HE BELIEVES PROGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS NOT SATISFACTORY, TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

4. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON APRIL 16 WERE PERFUNCTORY AND LARGELY HOUSEKEEPING. ONLY MATTER OF SUBSTANCE AROSE IN COURSE DISCUSSION ON DATE FOR NEXT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. THIS INSPIRED SUGGESTIONS FOR MORE AND LESS FREQUENT MEETINGS OF GC WITH CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT OF PATTERN OF INTER-SESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS. MATTER REFERRED, AT US SUGGESTION, TO INFORMAL WORKING GROUP FOR STUDY.
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